

A CORRECTION CONCERNING *SAGITTARIA TERES* WATSON AND *POTAMOGETON LUCENS* L.—Dr. J. C. Phillips published recently (*Auk* xxviii. 188–200, April, 1911) an article entitled, “Ten years of observation on the migration of Anatidae at Wenham Lake, Massachusetts.” Wenham Lake lies about fifteen miles north of Boston. On page 188, among other pond weeds mentioned as “common to the lake, very kindly identified for me by Mr. W. L. McAtee of the U. S. Biological Survey” are *Sagittaria teres* and *Potamogeton lucens*. As *S. teres* Watson has been recorded but once north of Cape Cod (*RHODORA* xii. 4, 1910), I wrote to Mr. McAtee, and he very generously sent me all the Wenham Lake specimens of the various species recorded in Dr. Phillips’s article to examine and to keep.

The plant identified as *Sagittaria teres* proves to be the common *Eleocharis acicularis* (L.) R. & S., a form with the submersed capillary culms from 8 to 12 centimeters in length.

His *Potamogeton lucens* is *P. amplifolius* Tuckerm., a species frequent in the northern half of the Boston District (*RHODORA* xi. 206, 1909). *P. lucens* L. does occur at Wenham Lake and I have a specimen in my herbarium collected there by J. W. Robbins, no date, but it is a rare plant near Boston (*RHODORA* xi. 207, 1909), and has not been collected, so far as I know, for a good many years.

Mr. McAtee has very courteously urged me to write this note.—
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A WHITE-FLOWERED *SPIRAEA TOMENTOSA*.—Professional systematists are, perhaps, too often inclined to ignore color-variation. On the other hand, there is probably no other vegetative phenomenon that plays a larger part in inciting and maintaining the interest of the local flower lover or amateur botanist. No one among us can fail to admit having experienced a certain thrill of delight over the first white Fireweed we chanced upon. However superficial color variation of this kind may be, the fact must remain that nature furnishes few changes that are more striking to the eye or that leave a deeper impression on the mind. How often has the discovery of a favorite plant with petals clothed in an unfamiliar hue added just the needed touch of excitement to a day a-field!

Treated subjectively rather than objectively, then, this kind of